

QCWA HOT LINE REPORT

WITH OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS COMMENTS

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Back in October, 1979, Leo Meyerson attended the ARRL Convention at Cedar Rapids, and worked with QCWA members and friends in the area to set up a new Chapter for the State of Iowa. The work bore fruit, and a new Chapter was Chartered on January 4, 1980. The Chapter name is:

Lee de Forest Chapter, #123

President of the Chapter is Lee Forrest Blodgett, WØTGQ. There were 17 Amateurs signing the Charter Application;

WØLFF, WØTGQ, WØHDL, WØWC, WØGET, WØEIT, WØAIX, KØJJA, WØGGO, WØBX, WØIYW, WØDC, WØGNJ, WØYBV, WØVXN, WØBSR, WØGFO, WØSEJ, WØGHD, WØYOG

Iowa is a great State, and the Chapter Name is pretty special too, so, we're hoping for great things from Chapter 123.

We have been notified by the USPS that higher fees for foreign mail has been voted at the recent congress of the Universal Postal Union. The cost is expected to quadruple!!!! These increases will apply to all mailings outside the U. S.

Joe Bonnett, W5III and President Harry Gartsman, W6ATC, working together have assisted Amateurs in Israel in formation of the latest QCWA International Chapter. The Charter, issued on January 31, 1980, is the 124th Charter issued. The President Pro-Tem is:

Zvi Osrin, 4X4CW.

Members of QCWA whose names appear on the Charter, by calls are:

4X4AH, 4X4AS, 4X4AT, 4X4AU, 4X4BL, 4X4BO, 4X4BR, 4X4BX, 4X4CK, 4X4CL, 4X4CW, 4X4CX, 4X4DK

Congratulations to Joe, Harry and the gang in Israel who worked to make it possible to form the ISRAEL CHAPTER of QCWA!

In July, 1979 HLR we announced a new section of QCWA NEWS that would feature assistance to those interested in antique wireless equipment. A copy of the first page, to be in the Spring NEWS

is enclosed in the HLR. It is pretty late to get items in for the Spring issue, but we'd welcome them as late as February 20.

Headquarters sends to each new member, a sheet welcoming him or her to QCWA, and providing some information about us. We wish to update this document, and propose that one side tell of QCWA and that a very brief listing of each Chapter Name and Secretary be placed on the reverse. This will make them obsolete fairly soon, but would serve to guide new members to the closest Chapter, where it is not known to them. We would propose a listing similar to this:

Akron Ohio Chapter
Chet Rataski, K8GRO
2310 Triplett Blvd, Akron 44312

The descriptive material on the opposite side of the document would describe what what meant, and suggest that the new member contact the Chapter closest to him.

To make this work we need up-to-date info on each Chapter. If you would like to have this material printed for your Chapter let us know as quickly as possible, by mail, listing the material shown above. The person can be either the Secretary, or a designated person who would corresponde with new members as needed.

The QCWA QSO PARTY will occur, for CW operation, just a few days from now, on February 8-9 & 10. We hope that you took part in it. If so, please send your log to W1RCJ, even if you only made a few contacts. AND, The Phone section of the QSO PARTY will be held March 8 & 9....there's plenty of time to plan for it, so get in there and visit with some of your old friends....Especially listen for International Members who may be on too!

Wes Randles, W4COW, Activities Chairman for QCWA visited the Office the past few days. Much discussion was held on all sorts of things coming up for your interest. Wes is planning on a Fall of 1980 on-the-air Party which you won't want to miss. The first announcement will come in HLR, and the rules for the Party will appear in the SUMMER QCWA NEWS. Watch for it!

We have received comments from about 1/3 of the Chapters in QCWA regarding the sample QSL card sent to them for comment in the December, 1979 HLR. Everyone appreciated the art work, which was fine....most felt that the design was too "arty" and gave us the impression that they were more in favor of a conventional approach. In order to get a reasonable price it is necessary for us to purchase about 75,000 cards....that would be 500 cards for each of about 150 members. We do not believe this is possible at this time. We would be happy to have suggestions for card design from members, for presentation to the membership for it's consideration. QCWA is grateful to Paul Hower, WA6GDC, for all of the work expended on designing the Card. We personally felt it to be beautiful, and still do!

BARNEY'S ANTIQUE EXCHANGE

Managed by Barney Meggatt
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Quite a few QCWA Members are interested in the old-time stuff, and have suggested that we have a vehicle to permit QCWA members to swap parts, information, and to search for a special bit or part needed to restore, rebuild or go from scratch on old equipment....This is our answer.

Barney has volunteered to keep records, and to coordinate the whole schmeer. If you need six fahnestack clips, or a rheostate, or what have you, send your requirement to Barney. He'll see that it's published herein, and help in every possible way to see you get those needed items.. A few rules are necessary, more may be needed later:

- (1) List what you have (or need) clearly
- (2) List what you will accept in trade
- (3) List your asking price, if no trade
- (4) Answer all replies!
- (5) Only parts or equipment 30 years or more old, Please!
- (6) If you advertise in the exchange, please hold your items for sale/swap for exchange readers
- (7) List your name, call, QCWA No. & Telephone Number

The following abbreviations will help, if the response is large, since space will be premium:

WP = Will Pay; WT = Will take; MO = Make Offer; PP = Postage Paid

There is no cost to QCWA members, neither QCWA, its Officers, Board of Directors, manager or its agents assume responsibility for loss or misrepresentation to anyone.

To Start off, this is what we would expect it to look like!

Wanted, 4 - brown beehive insulators. WP \$1 + PP, or swap WE-211-E, with socket (1929 issue).
-W5EJ-

Have two National Velvet Vernier dials, german-silver, good condx make offer
-W5EJ-

Have 6 new plain top EBY binding posts, in box, WT \$0.75 each.
-W5EJ-

Have GR 247 capacitor, .0005 in good condx, swap for 2-3" black bakelite matched dials, no chips
-W5EJ-

The Year 1979 saw 928 new members joining QCWA. This is a record number of New Members. The year 1976 was next with a total of 903 New Members. The first and last member signed in 1979 are:

George Lambert, W5DGG (12,778) now deceased
Wendell S. Chapman, W6VIF (13,708)

Occasionally a new member will be assigned a membership number and will later advise that he was a former QCWA Member...when this happens, we delete the new number and reassign the older number. For this reason you will find the arithmetic above does not quite tally!

There has been activity in the St. Louis, Missouri area to reactivate the Missouri Chapter. Those interested should contact M. M. (Duke) Williford, WØPUS, at 4327-A Morganford Road, in St. Louis, MO 63116!

The month of January, 1980 brought in literally hundreds of applications for the QCWA Golden Certificate. Many of them have been sent, there is still a considerable back-log of applications requiring certification and issuance of the Golden Award. If you haven't received yours it's our fault. Be as patient as possible, because we are catching up, although slowly!

QCWA NEWS, SPRING ISSUE is expected to go to the printer on or near March 1, and to be in the mail March 15. Deadline for material is February 20, with an absolute deadline of February 25 for last minute material. We have received a great deal of good and interesting material and expect the Spring issue to be a good one!

RESULTS of the 1980 QSO Party competition will be published in the SUMMER QCWA NEWS. Top-Ten contenders will be announced on the Sunday Afternoon International QCWA Net, by Wes Randles, about April 15.



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